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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2942

Introduced by Assembly Member Koretz

February 24, 2006

An act relating to workers' compensation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2942, as amended, Koretz. Workers' compensation: inpatient burn diagnoses: reimbursement review.

Existing law establishes a Workers' Compensation system, administered by the Administrative Director of the Division of workers' compensation, to compensate an employee for injuries sustained in the course of his or her employment. Existing law requires that implantable medical devices, hardware, and instrumentation for specified Diagnostic Related Groups (DRGs) be separately reimbursed in accordance with a prescribed formula.

This bill would ~~declare the intent of the Legislature that~~ *require* the administrative director *to* review the reimbursement rates for certain inpatient burn DRGs to ensure that these rates are commensurate with the cost of inpatient burn treatment. ~~It would also provide that, if the administrative director completes that review, the administrative director shall, and to report his or her findings to the Legislature by April 1, 2007.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. (a) The Administrative Director of the Division*
2 *of Workers' Compensation shall review the reimbursement rates*
3 *for inpatient burn diagnostic related groups (DRGs) 504 to 511,*
4 *inclusive, to ensure that these rates are commensurate with the*
5 *cost of inpatient burn treatment.*

6 *(b) The administrative director shall complete the review*
7 *described in subdivision (a) and shall report his or her findings*
8 *to the Legislature by April 1, 2007.*

9 ~~SECTION 1. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that the~~
10 ~~Administrative Director of the Division of Workers'~~
11 ~~Compensation review the reimbursement rates for inpatient burn~~
12 ~~diagnostic related groups (DRGs) 504 to 511, inclusive, to ensure~~
13 ~~that these rates are commensurate with the cost of inpatient burn~~
14 ~~treatment.~~

15 ~~(b) If the administrative director completes the review~~
16 ~~described in subdivision (a), the administrative director shall~~
17 ~~report his or her findings to the Legislature by April 1, 2007.~~